

REMARKS

The status of all priority applications has been updated. The manufacturer's name "Spyglass, Inc." has been deleted, as has the reference to abandoned U.S. applications.

Each new independent claim 17, 22, 24 recites that a user requests access to an application server for a predetermined time period, that a ticket is printed with indicia identifying, among other things, the predetermined time period, and that the user, upon presentation of the ticket, is granted access to the application server only for the predetermined time period.

As the Examiner has acknowledged, the principal reference, U.S. Patent No. 6,233,565 to Lewis, does not teach gaining access to a network, and certainly not to an application server for a predetermined time period.

As the Examiner noted, the secondary reference, U.S. Patent No. 6,542,933 to Durst, discloses scanning a barcode 10 to find a web page on the Internet.

Even if Durst were to be combined with Lewis, there is no suggestion that access to an application server is only to be for a limited time period, as dictated by the printed ticket itself. Even if Lewis' printed receipt is presented to a facility where a sporting event or concert is to occur, the receipt does not limit entry to the facility for a limited time. The same is true for Durst where, once the web page is found, the user has unfettered access thereto.

This feature was originally presented in claims 5, 9, 14 and, in rejecting these claims, the Examiner directed the applicant's attention to col. 29, line 63 through col. 30, line 5; and also to col. 23, lines 10-22, of Lewis. Yet, there excerpts deal with the expiration period, for example, three years, of the client's authentication keys. Basically, this means that a user's identification will last for three years before being removed.

This is not the same thing as having a user request access to an application server for a limited time, and then printing this time information on a ticket, and then being granted such access only for said limited time upon ticket presentation.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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